

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 7, 2024

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

Nadine Stokes, Council Pres.
John Vetter, Mayor
Marjorie Stroup, Clerk

COUNCILMEN

Patti Vetter, Councilman Pro Tem
Shirley Youmans, Councilman
Myra Sherman, Councilman
Andrea Barnes, Councilman

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Lucy Ward	Jim Stroup	Michelle Stone
Martha Cromwell	Brian Kuhl	Virginia Goodson	Arthur Lavarco	Sara Lavarco
David Glynn	Cynthia Rogers	Steve Rogers	Cynthia Davis	Joe Perry
Alphonso Lamar	Keith McQuaig	Kim Law	Bob Law	Mary Salter
Winston Brewster				

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Council President Nadine Stokes, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Councilman Sherman giving an invocation.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Because Lt. McQuaig need to be at another event, the report for Sheriff's Dept. was moved to first on the agenda. Lt. McQuaig reported that there were 8 traffic stops, 1 battery calls, and 21 security checks. There were a total of 73 calls for service. 6 reports were written. He stated that all in all things were good in Reddick. No mention was made of gatherings on NW 157th.

STEVE ROGERS RECOGNITION:

James Stroup addressed Council and those present in recognition of Steven Rogers and his 38 years of service. Mr. Stroup presented Steve Rogers with an appreciation plaque thanking him for his years of service to Reddick. Mr. Stroup shared that the philosophy at Reddick is less government is good government and nothing is free. During his tenure, the State came out with a report card for municipalities. Reddick received an A+. Under his supervision, Reddick is one of only 3 municipalities that is debt free. Mr. Stroup shared a memory that shows the kind of person Steve Rogers is. During Hurricane Irma, Steve lost 13 trees to the storm, two hitting his house. But in the midst of his turmoil, he was working with Mr. Stroup putting a tarp on a neighbor's house during the storm to help his neighbor before working on his own problems. Following this, Mr. Rogers expressed his gratitude for the privilege of serving his community and expressed appreciation to the newly elected Council for coming forward to serve also.

County Commissioner Michelle Stone addressed Council and guests with words of praise for Steve Rogers and his assistance to her when she was newly elected. She then presented Steve with a plaque for the Marion Co. Board of County Commissioners recognizing him for his service to Reddick and the County.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the October 3, 2024, meeting were reviewed. With no corrections or additions, Councilman Patti Vetter made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented, and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- The financial statement for October, 2024 was presented for review. Expense exceeded income by \$28,736.98. This was caused by paying annual insurance premium of \$19,115 and continued maintenance and cleanup of the right of ways. Councilman Youmans made a motion that the report be approved as presented and Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Included in Mayor's Report

ROADWORK & STREET MAINTENANCE:

Councilman Youmans reported that NW 48th St has hurricane debris but we are still working on clean up. She also mentioned that one of the street signs, possibly the library sign, is so faded it is difficult to read. She will check and advise the exact location.

STREET LIGHTS:

The street light at Club Charmant is still out. Mrs. Stroup needs pole number as the light does not show up on Duke Energy's map. Mrs. Salter said that the light on the south of Club Charmant is also out and the corner is very dark. Once pole numbers are received, work orders will be placed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Vetter began his report by thanking Steve Rogers for his leadership and dedication to the Town of Reddick.

- Property at 4205 NW 154th St is now owned by a church and a pastor Winston Brewster. Mayor Vetter asked if Mr. Brewster were present. Mr. Brewster addressed Council with objections that he was not notified that the parcel was under code violations when he purchased it. The Town was in the process of reorganizing after resignations of previous Council at the time he purchased the property. This notification was not the responsibility of the Town or Code Enforcement, but his in direct contact with the seller. The litigation process had already been started with the previous owner and was still active at the time he made the purchase. He also objected to not being notified of being put on the agenda. He stated that he had a structural engineer look at the property and sent the report to Code Enforcement. He did not have it with him. The house on the property has been declared an unsafe structure and Code Enforcement is getting bids on the demolition. The Town will have to pay for demolition and put a lien on the property. Mayor Vetter advised him that Council would table the decision until the next Council meeting on Dec. 5th at which time he need to bring his report from the structural engineer and his plans and timeline for repairs to the structure.
- Concerning the Town generator, a new company has been called in and hopefully it will be fixed soon.
- Double Entry Door to Comm. Ctr: We have two estimates to replace door and vanity in ladies room by licensed installer and permitting from County. The door will be a commercial door. The first bid was \$6,800 and we received a second bid of \$5,500. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we accept the \$5,500 bid and Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Old Bank Bldg: Currently the roof is leaking and the power was recently cut so, with no a/c, opportunity for mold is present. This is one of the last historical buildings in Reddick. Duke Energy needs a weather head and new electrical panel to turn on power. It is currently being used to store historical papers. Museum is a possibility. Lucy Ward stated that she was told that she could use the building for a museum at prior meetings. We will look through the minutes and find and references to this possibility. Mayor Vetter appealed to the Town as to how to proceed. This will be an expensive venture. He stated he would need a motion to

move forward with repairs, turning on power, and fixing roof. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we move forward with repairs and save this historical building and Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion lights at exits have been installed.
- Yard waste is responsibility of residents, not the town.
- Maintenance Person: Mayor Vetter would like us to explore the possibility of a maintenance person paid as contract labor. This person would mow right of ways with town tractor and do small maintenance jobs as needed. We are currently paying \$40,000 a year just to mow the right of ways. This is something to think about and review at next meeting. We can get estimates on repairs and maintenance on tractor. Guest Kim Law asked if we could use the prisoners at Lowell correction to do the work. Mayor said he could contact prison to see possibility.
- Concerning alcohol sales on Sunday, the residents expressed a desire to continue with the status quo and no one representing those wanting to have Sunday sales address Council, the matter will be dropped and no change in the current ordinance will go forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **PROPOSED RECREATION AREA:**
Steve Rogers was not present to present any updates. Things are still progressing.
- **COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL:**
Tabled to next meeting. Waiting on rental plan to be drafted by Council.
- **FENCE AROUND BASKETBALL COURT:**
The subject is tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **WRITTEN POLICIES FOR DRA:**
Councilman Vetter stated that there were requirements for written policies needed for updates to the Disaster Readiness Assessment with F-ROC/FEMA that needed to be drafted. She will be bringing this to the next Council meeting.
- **LARVARCO/DOWNEY PROPERTY:**
Mr. and Mrs. Larvarco are planning to purchase a parcel from Anna Downey and would like approval to have the parcel split into two parcels to accommodate two residences. It is currently 5 acres and is zoned R-1. Council had no objection provided the two new parcels are at least an acre in size and have road access. All that would be required by the Property Appraiser would be a letter from the Town stating they had no objection.
- **ALPHONSO LAMAR:**
Mr. Lamar is looking to purchase a mobile home (permit previously granted) that is appx. 80 ft long. His parcel is 100 x 145. He wanted to know the set backs for the unit. He was told per zoning that the front set back was 25 ft, the back was 20 ft, and the sides were 10 ft.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE:**
Lucy Ward will be putting up the Community Center tree before next Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor